

ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a portable audio player that substantially limits a target user to listening to the audio content that was initially established in the player during manufacture or subsequently established in the player under controlled conditions exclusive of the target user. Such an audio player provides missionaries and the like with the ability to provide an audio Bible to potential converts and especially to those potential converts that are incapable of reading a Bible that is in book or text form, such as potential converts that are visually impaired or illiterate. In one embodiment, the audio player occupies less than about twenty cubic inches and weighs less than six ounces. As a consequence, the player is highly portable. The audio player also utilizes a non-sequential-access memory, such as a disk drive and/or flash memory, to store the desired audio content. Further, the player has a keyed port that deters a target user, such as a potential convert, from downloading audio content to the memory but allows an individual with the appropriate key, such as a missionary, to download audio content to memory. In another embodiment, the player has a keyed port that deters a target user from replacing all or a portion of the memory with memory of the target user's choice but allows an individual with the appropriate key to replace all or a portion of the memory with memory of the individual's choice.